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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN OPPOSITION LEADER: PRIME MINISTER
LEE ON TRANSIT CAMP FOR REFUGEES

REF: SINGAPORE 2593

1. LEADER OF AUSTRALIAN OPPOSITION, WILLIAM HAYDEN, IS
CURRENTLY ON THREE-DAY VISIT TO SINGAPORE IN THE COURSE OF
HIS SOUTHEAST ASIA TOUR. HAYDEN MET WITH PRIME MINISTER
LEE KUAN YEW JUNE 14 FOR WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS "FRANK"
AND "STIMULATING" 90-MINUTE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT PRESS INTERVIEW, HAYDEN MADE FOLLING
STATEMENT AS REPORTED IN JUNE 15 STRAITS TIMES:

"MR. LEE MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THE SINGAPORE
GOVERNMENT WILL BE WILLING TO HELP IN ANY PRACTICAL
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WAY TO PROCESS VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO HAVE
BEEN RESETTLED. HE SAW VERY CLEARLY THAT
THE ONLY GENUINE WAY TO HELP THESE PEOPLE
WOULD BE FOR THE WEALTHY COUNTRIES OF THE
WORLD TO UNDERTAKE THIS (SIC) RELIEF PROGRAM.
I RAISED THE SUGGESTION ABOUT SETTING UP AN
ISLAND TRANSIT CAMP AND HE MADE IT CLEAR

THAT HE WOULD BE QUITE HAPPY TO DO IT. BUT
IT MUST BE PART OF A FORMALIZED PROGRAM
BECAUSE SINGAPORE HAS LIMITATIONS ON WHAT IT
CAN DO."

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE NOT YET DISCUSSED HAYDEN VISIT
WITH AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION OFFICERS BECAUSE
LATTER TOTALLY PREOCCUPIED AT THE MOMENT WITH SCHED-
ULED JUNE 17 ARRIVAL OF PRIME MINISTER FRASER IN
SINGAPORE. THUS UNABLE TO OBTAIN ELABORATION OF
FOREGOING. SEEMS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT LEE HAS
ONCE AGAIN ENDORSED TRANSIT CAMP PROJECT SUBJECT
TO FAMILIAR GOS CONDITIONS. THIS REINFORCES OUR FEELING
THAT NEST MOVE MUST BE MADE BY UNHCR IF PROJECT IS TO
GO FORWARD.
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